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Appn. No: 10/655,360  
Applicant: Yoshiaki Sakita et al.  
Filed: September 4, 2003  
Title: CLOTH WASHER, DISH WASHER-DRYER, AND CONTROL SYSTEM  
OF THE SAME  
TC/A.U.: 2121  
Examiner: Crystal J. Barnes  
Confirmation No.: 1580  
Docket No.: MAT-8459US

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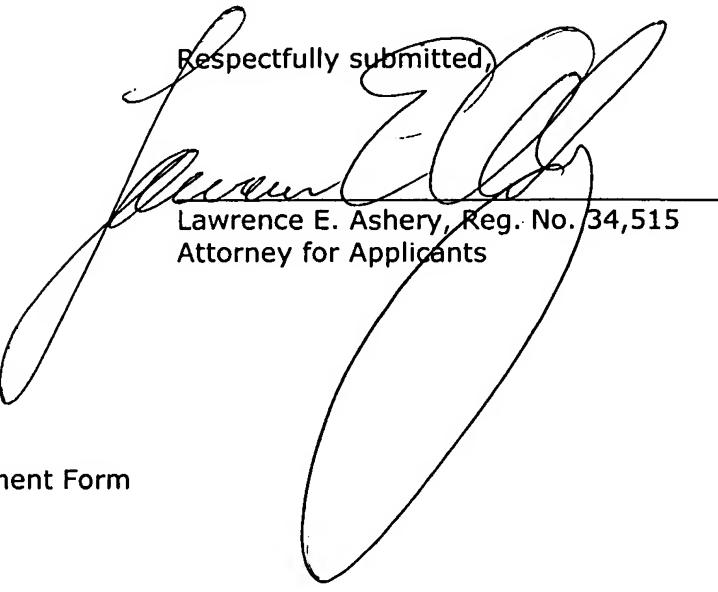
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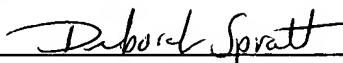
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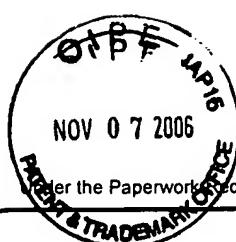
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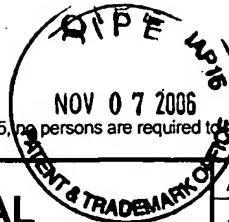
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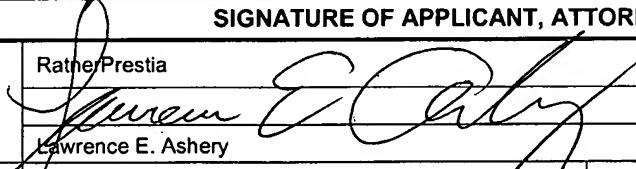
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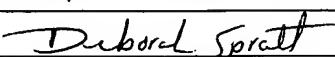
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	—
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	—
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	—
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	—
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	—

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

## Small Entity

Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
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